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S. 1359

To amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to require the domestic production of food stamp coupons.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SIMON, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. WOFFORD, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KERREY, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. JOHNSTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Food Stamp
5 Anti-Counterfeiting Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the face value of food stamp coupons print-
9 ed each year exceeds \$20,000,000,000, and more

1 than 27,000,000 residents of the United States par-
2 ticipate in the food stamp program authorized under
3 the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et
4 seq.);

5 (2) food stamps are a legal obligation of the
6 United States;

7 (3) throughout the history of the food stamp
8 program, the policy of the United States Depart-
9 ment of Agriculture for the production of food
10 stamp coupons has been to produce the coupons
11 within the United States;

12 (4) in 1991, the Committee on Appropriations
13 of the Senate reiterated the expectation of the Com-
14 mittee that the policy would continue;

15 (5) the United States Department of Agri-
16 culture recently indicated that the Department in-
17 tends to change the policy of the Department so as
18 to permit foreign production of food stamps;

19 (6) removing the production of these legal obli-
20 gations of the United States from the United States
21 could limit the reach of enforcement authorities of
22 the Federal Government and undermine enforcement
23 of criminal laws on counterfeiting and misappropria-
24 tion of food stamps, thus threatening the integrity
25 of the food stamp program;

1 (7) for security reasons, Federal laws in effect
2 on the date of enactment of this Act already require
3 the domestic production of the distinctive paper used
4 in the manufacturing of other forms of currency and
5 secure paper, such as food stamps; and

6 (8) it is in the public interest for food stamps
7 to be produced domestically to enable law enforce-
8 ment agencies to prevent counterfeiting and theft.

9 **SEC. 3. DOMESTIC PRINTING REQUIREMENT FOR FOOD**
10 **STAMP COUPONS.**

11 Section 7(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
12 U.S.C. 2016(a)) is amended by inserting after “shall be
13 printed” the following: “within the United States and”.

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